

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., November 29, 1889. 188

The Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

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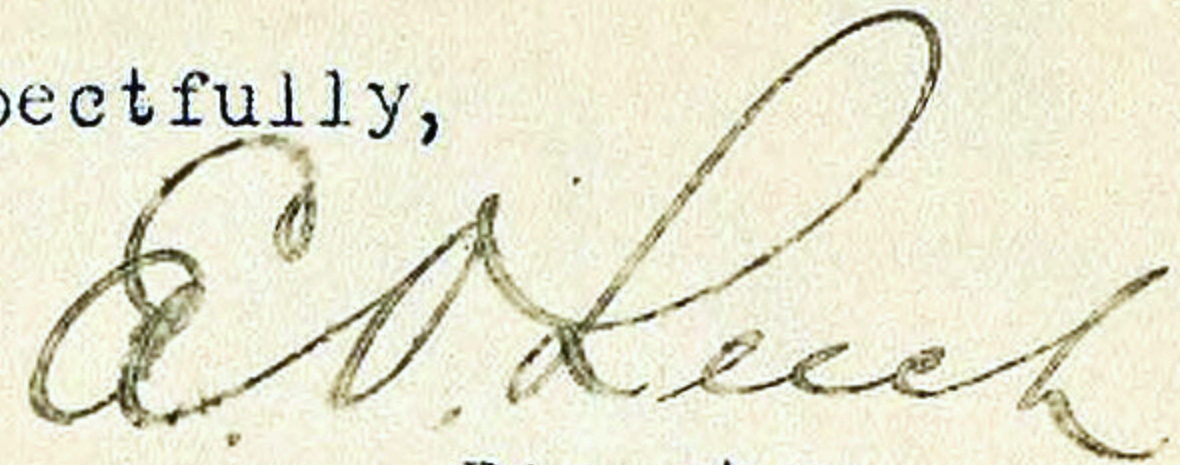
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I am also disinclined to increase the compensation of Mr. Hunter-son.

Action upon these transfers and appointments is therefore suspended.

Very respectfully,



Director.

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E. O. Leech.
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